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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 9, 2001 (Paper No. 6). A request for a three-month extension of time with the appropriate fee based on large entity status is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

- 44. (New) A method of selecting inhibitors of the autoinducer molecule of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* comprising:
contacting the autoinducer molecule with a suspected inhibitor;